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GENERAL

1. Transfer of US fighter aircraft to Italy recommended--The Commanding General, Western Base Section, Paris, strongly recommends that 300 excess US fighter aircraft (P-51's) in Europe be transferred to the Italian Air Force, in the interest of US prestige and the morale of the Italian people.

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EUROPE

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3. YUGOSLAVIA: Soviet MA replaces Military Mission--[redacted] told the US Military Attache that the Soviet Military Mission in Belgrade has been replaced by a Military Attache. (US MA Belgrade had previously reported that the Mission had left Belgrade; [redacted] 25X1

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US Embassy disagrees with UNRRA investigating board--According to US Embassy Belgrade, the report on UNRRA activities in Yugoslavia published by the special investigating committee appears to be an "over-elaborate coat of whitewash." The Embassy believes that the committee, for political and practical reasons, did not want to interrupt UNRRA aid to Yugoslavia, despite its belief that the Yugoslav Government's cooperation was not always satisfactory.

4. DENMARK: British to begin repatriation of German refugees--US Legation Copenhagen reports that the British have decided to repatriate from Denmark apparoximately 10,000 German refugees formerly domiciled in what is now the UK Zone in Germany "irrespective of quadripartite action in Berlin." The Legation adds that the Danish Foreign Minister is attempting to persuade Moscow to allow similar repatriation to the Soviet zone.

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5. ITALY: VULCANIA and SATURNIA available as reparations--According to US Ambassador Caffery, the Paris Conference has recommended that either the VULCANIA, the SATURNIA, or both, be made available as reparations to Ethiopia, Greece, or Yugoslavia, if claimed within 90 days after their valuation. (These two vessels are in the process of being returned by the US to Italy.)

FAR EAST

6. KOREA: Progress of Joint Commission negotiations--General Hodge reports that the US Delegation to the Joint Commission has prepared a revised draft US-Soviet agreement for reconvening the Commission. In view of General Arnold's statement of 10 October regarding the need for negotiations on the governmental level, and the scheduled meeting of Foreign Ministers on 23 October, General Hodge requests comment on the wisdom of current local negotiations.

7. FRENCH INDO-CHINA: US observers in disputed area desired--The French military have informed US Consul Saigon that Siamese or other elements have recently destroyed bridges in the disputed territory to be returned to France. US Consul Saigon reports that the French authorities will recommend that US and British observers be sent to the area to prevent further destruction and possible distortion of events when the French move in.

THE AMERICAS

8. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Unidentified submarines unloading "apparatus"--The State Department has informed Butler that the US Navy will conduct an investigation to determine whether unidentified submarines have been unloading "mysterious apparatus" in the Dominican Republic as reported locally. The Navy has had previous reports of unidentified submarines in that area.

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